

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

CLAY VINSON HAYNES,

Plaintiff,

v.

BENTON COUNTY, and
SCOTT SOUZA,

Defendants.

NO: 4:20-CV-5205-TOR

ORDER OF VOLUNTARY
DISMISSAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE

BEFORE THE COURT is Plaintiff's Request for Voluntary Dismissal (ECF No. 6). Plaintiff has not paid the filing fee nor has he been granted *in forma pauperis* status. Plaintiff explains that this action is not "ripe for adjudication" ECF No. 6, and that he only intended to report a crime, ECF No. 7. Because Defendants have neither filed an answer nor moved for summary judgment, Plaintiff has an absolute right to voluntarily dismiss this case. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(i).

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1 **ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

2 All claims and causes of action in this matter are **DISMISSED** without
3 prejudice and without costs or fees to any party.

4 The District Court Executive is directed to enter this Order and Judgment of
5 Dismissal, furnish copies to Plaintiff, and **CLOSE** the file.

6 **DATED** November 17, 2020.



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THOMAS O. RICE
United States District Judge